The always-delightful Holiday Historic Home Tour is now in its 41st year. It is scheduled for Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th.

Four private homes plus the Mission Branch Library will be on this year’s tour. A Holiday Classic Car Cruise, coordinated by the Reclaiming Our Downtown organization and featuring many vintage vehicles will take place in the Old Quad in conjunction with the Home Tour.

The architectural styles featured this year include Italianate, Colonial Revival, and Craftsman. Three of the homes date back earlier than 1906 but one of the homes is a circa 1938 Vernacular Spanish Eclectic cottage.

Early Bird Tickets for the annual Santa Clara Historic Home Tour will go on sale in October with a discounted price of $25 if purchased by October 31. Beginning November 1, the price for all tickets will be $30. No youth under the age of 6 will be admitted. If still available on the days of the tour, tickets must be purchased for $35 at Mission Branch Library.

Order tickets at the website: sc-hometour.com or use the mail-in order form contained with this newsletter. Mail-in purchases must be postmarked by Saturday, November 30th to allow time for return mail.

Beginning October 1st, tickets may also be purchased at Illusive Comics and Games, 1270 Franklin Mall, Santa Clara and at Antiques Colony, 1881 West San Carlos Street, San Jose.

The Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara and the Old Quad Residents’ Association co-sponsor the Tour. Proceeds benefit the Harris Lass Museum, historic preservation projects in the City, and nonprofit groups in Santa Clara. For more information, view the Home Tour website at: sc-hometour.com or call the Harris Lass Museum message line at 1-408-249-7905.
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School Girls in Auto Accident
(transcribed from the Santa Clara News, March 14, 1919)

Four young girls were injured, one of them critically, when the automobile in which they were riding turned over at a turn at Market Street Monday afternoon.

Miss Johanna Lass, [grand]daughter of Captain C. Lass of Santa Clara was driving the machine and with her were Miss Loise Billiou, daughter of R.J. Billou of the Stevens Creek Road; Miss Helen Brown, daughter of W.L. Brown, and Miss Mary Ladner, daughter of Nicolas Ladner.

As the machine came to a curve in the road a tire blew out causing the machine to swerve and in the attempt of the young lady to control it the machine turned turtle at the roadside.

Help was on the spot almost instantly and the four girls were rushed to O’Connor’s sanitorium were Miss Billiou was found to be suffering from a broken collar bone, Miss Brown and Miss Lass were bruised and much upset, and Miss Ladner was suffering a great deal of pain which was thought to be caused by spinal trouble brought on by the accident.

The Misses Billiou, Brown and Lass were removed to their homes. Dr. J.I. Beattie is the attending physician.

Captain Lass with family and friends by the family car, circa 1919